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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasushi OKABE

Group Art Unit: 2859

Application No.: 10/803,990

Examiner: Y. GUADALUPE

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


Further to the December 12, 2005 personal interview, Applicant herein provides a separate record of the personal interview. Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Guadalupe.

During the personal interview, the rejection of claims 1-5, 10, 12-14, 31, 33, 36-38, 40, 42, 43, 51, 53 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Kimura et al. (Kimura), U.S. Patent No. 6,665,047, was discussed. As agreed during the personal interview, Kimura fails to disclose all of the features recited in claims 1 and 54 for the reasons presented in the November 14, 2005 Request for Reconsideration. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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